

SIERRA MADRE NEWS.

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NO. 25

THE OLD STRAP

✓ WAS A RELIC

Used in Disciplining Boys in Public School

PUPILS HID THE STRAP

Prof. Coates Punished the Boys and Sent One Home

An incident which has caused some comment in the city the past week, the more so because of garbled and sensational accounts published in Los Angeles and other papers, occurred in the public school last Friday afternoon, when Prof. Coates administered corporal punishment to three of the boys, one of whom, Frank Leon, was sent home from school.

So far as we are able to learn the facts are about as follows:

Some of the boys got into the school house at night, took the strap away and hid it. When the principal felt he had occasion to punish some of the boys, he missed the old strap, and after investigating the matter, Frank Leon was sent after it. When the professor attempted to use it, Frank Leon, the older boy, resisted, jerking away the strap. A short struggle ensued over its possession, and after recovering the same, Mr. Coates applied it and sent Frank home.

Young Leon brought the matter to the attention of the trustees, and Sunday a conference was held, at which both the pupil and principal were present. After investigating the matter, the trustees decided to suspend Frank for two weeks, after which time he will be permitted to resume his school work, with the stipulation that if he should give further trouble he will be liable to expulsion, at the discretion of the principal.

Mr. Coates speaks highly of Frank Leon, and says that he is not a bad boy, by any means. He is bright and ambitious, and anxious to progress. Since the meeting of the board, we are informed that the boy called on Mr. Coates at his home, made proper apologies and signified his intention of returning to school.

The strap in question has been an adjunct of the Sierra Madre school for some time.

A Dangerous Place.

The condition of the southwestern intersection of Central and Baldwin avenues is a menace to the safety of pedestrians, especially in the absence of street lights at night. Here the sidewalk ends abruptly at a stone gutter some three feet deep, with absolutely nothing to prevent one from walking off in the darkness and sustaining serious if not fatal injuries. Let the city authorities take notice and safeguard this point by either building a bridge over the gutter or fencing it off so as to avert accident and resultant damage suit against the city.

BY-LAWS WERE APPROVED

Fire Protection Referred to Directors for Action.

At the special meeting of the Board of Trade Saturday night only about one-fourth of the membership was present; but this may be attributed in part to the fact that this was a special meeting, called upon somewhat short notice. The meeting was called to order by President H. Ivor Thomas, who occupied the chair. The president stated that the meeting had been called for the purpose of adopting the by-laws and considering any other business that might come up.

The secretary then read the by-laws as prepared by the directors. A motion was carried that Section 3, of Article 5, be amended to read that, "The treasurer shall receive all moneys belonging to the association and place the same on deposit in the bank."

It was moved by Capt. Osgood and seconded by Mr. Twycross that the directors may not expend more than \$200 without first receiving the approval of the members. This restriction, it was held, would hamper the board of directors in carrying on its work, and an amendment was offered by Mr. Blumer and seconded by Mr. Hosmer increasing the amount to \$500. This amendment was carried. The by-laws, as amended, were adopted.

Further action which may result in great good to the city is indicated in a motion by Mr. Blumer, seconded by Mr. Hart, that the directors of the board of trade do all in their power to organize proceedings under the Voorman act to have the principal streets of the city graded and curbed and sidewalks laid.

Considerable discussion was had relative to the matter of fire protection and the pressing need of water for fire fighting uses. The matter was finally referred to the board of directors, with instructions to take the matter up with the city trustees and the directors of the Sierra Madre Water Company.

An attempt was made to discontinue the advertising of the city in the daily papers, but upon being put to vote the motion was lost and the present scheme of advertising will be carried on for a time.

The offer of the News and several public spirited citizens to contribute \$50 each toward a fund to be used in defraying the necessary expenses of the city for the immediate future was deemed of so little importance as not to call for even a passing remark. We presume the city doesn't need the money. The meeting then adjourned.

"I thought," said Mrs. Oldcastle, "that you intended to have D'Auber, the great mural painter, do some work for you." "We did," replied her hostess, "but Josiah discharged him. He tried to cheat us by paintin' on the walls. I s'pose because he didn't want to spend any money for canvas."—Chicago Record-Herald.

SPOKE OF GUAM.

Dr. Charles Bagge, U. S. N., Addresses Woman's Club.

In spite of the inclement weather Monday afternoon there was a very good attendance at the Sierra Madre Woman's Club, and the ladies felt well repaid for braving the elements.

Dr. Charles Bagge, a surgeon in the United States Navy, gave a very interesting and instructive talk on life on the Island of Guam, where he has been stationed for a number of years; and also spoke of some of the work and rules governing life in the navy. The talk, which was given in conversational manner, was much appreciated.

Capt. Osgood sang a beautiful solo, which added to the enjoyment of the occasion. Light refreshments were served during the social hour following the program.

JOINT SCHOOL DEBATE.

Sierra Madre and Monrovia Orators Will Meet Tonight.

This evening there will be a joint debate at Monrovia between pupils of the Eighth grade of the Sierra Madre and Monrovia schools on the question, "Resolved that the United States was not justified in recognizing the independence of Cuba."

The local speakers will maintain the affirmative, while Monrovia will show or endeavor to show that Uncle Sam was justified in recognizing the independence of this little republic. Fred Hatfield and Harold Castillo will do the honors for this city, with Irving Duml alternate. The local contestants and their friends will go to Monrovia by teams this evening, prepared to make the welkin ring.

Wants Ohio Delegates.

In an open challenge to President Roosevelt and Secretary Taft, Senator J. B. Foraker of Ohio, who announces his candidacy for the presidency, invites them to fight out the question of who shall have the Ohio delegates to the next national convention. Senator Foraker's move is considered the boldest he has yet made. His statement is interpreted as challenging the president and secretary to get out in the open and fight it out. Foraker urges that the delegates to the state convention shall name their preferences not only for the senatorship but for the presidency as well. Foraker and Dick control the Republican state central committee and, if his suggestion is carried out, but one name will be presented by Ohio at the republican national convention.

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TWO ORDINANCES PASSED

License, Health, Pound and Dog Ordinances Introduced.

Four ordinances were introduced at the meeting of the board of trustees last night, and two previously introduced were passed. The new ones were a license ordinance; one establishing a board of health for the city; an ordinance regulating the keeping of dogs and providing for the licensing of the same; and one providing for the appointment of a pound master and prescribing his duties.

The license ordinance establishes a license fee of \$1 a month on hotels and lodging houses of over fifteen rooms, and 50 cents per month on smaller ones; for each laundry wagon operated in the city, \$1 per month. All real estate dealers are hit to the tune of \$10 per year. The following lines of business will pay a license of \$1 per month according to the terms of the proposed ordinance: Each ice wagon; any person peddling goods or wares on foot; peddling from wagon; undertaking, embalming or funeral establishment; every wagon selling produce; each lumber yard; each physician or lawyer conducting business in the city; each person conducting a winery where no wine or liquors are to be sold to be drunk on the premises. Each milk wagon will be taxed \$1.50 per quarter. Each person selling or contracting for the sale of wares by sample or upon commission, at retail, the sum of \$3 per month. Those peddling patent medicines or nostrums or employing music in connection with said sales, \$10 per month; without music, \$5 per month. Any person owning, controlling or operating street railways will pay a license fee of \$5 per quarter. Banks will be assessed the sum of \$5 per quarter, and restaurants, ice cream and confectionery establishments \$2 per year. Telephone companies operating more than fifty phones will contribute \$2.50 per month, and less than fifty, \$1. Solicitors for paintings, pictures, portraits, etc., or for the sale of merchandise other than that established by the ordinance, \$3 per month. It is proposed to license bill boards at 5 cents per square foot for all boards in actual use.

The health ordinance provides for the appointment of a board of five members, one of whom shall be a practicing

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Sierra Madre The City Beautiful

*"That God hides some souls away
Sweetly to surprise us on some day."*



T would also seem that He hides some of His edenic spots away to surprise the weary tourist who has found satiety at the fashionable pleasure resorts. Sierra Madre, the mountain city, bids fair, however, to be no longer hidden, for, through the enterprise of California's trolley king, an electric road has been built the past year, which makes the place no longer isolated from metropolitan life. No doubt many have lavished high economies upon this king, for has it not been said that the road builders are the empire builders of their age? This new road, even now famous for its picturesque charms, is already drawing countless thousands to this "City Beautiful," and its many surrounding beauty spots.

The growing tendency among Americans is to patronize health resorts. They find that mental and physical rest at some spot especially favored by Nature is better than any medicine. Since the time when the mind of man runneth not to the contrary, pure, soft mountain water has been recognized as the foremost blood purifier compounded in Nature's pharmacopeia. The high value of the water, as well as the climate, is attested by the fact that thousands have found both to prove a panacea for all chronic diseases, including even the great "White Plague," and pessimism, termed by some as a bilious attack of intelligence.

~~This place is, however, not dependent alone upon~~ these gifts, for Nature has indeed been lavish here, and the sojourner must be led to infer that the Creator had intended this spot to be just what man is trying to make of it—an ideal health resort.

The wonderful scenic beauty that greets the vision on every side makes descriptive speech seem indeed pitiable, and as futile as an attempt to write a history of the fragrance of a flower. For who can adequately portray a place where the air is steeped with sunshine and every perfumed bush full of song.

Surely it is fair beyond description. One feels that all which is sordid, harsh and cruel should forever be eliminated from this place, and that it should indeed prove a Mecca where physical and spiritual blessings could be found.

We read that in the beginning the ideal place was the Garden of Eden, but we fancy the tourist, when first permitted a glimpse here, will declare Sierra Madre to be this ideal place. But do we not also read that even the Garden of Eden had to be pruned and dressed, and are not the citizens of Sierra Madre spending much time and money in improving and beautifying this alluring spot?

Many homes where civilization can be seen at its best and charming cottages have been erected and cozily furnished, and can be secured at reasonable rates. Modern hotels can be found where each guest will find most courteous treatment. A "tent city" is in course of construction for those who wish to live the "simple life," in Carter's Canyon. Towering Mt. Wilson and the Coast Range, so inspiring in their lofty grandeur, stand above this canyon like giant sentinels. The chief attraction seems to be found in the ascent of Mt. Wilson, either on foot or horseback, to view the wonderful panorama. The picturesque beauty of the scenery is intensified by the music of a noisy mountain brook.

Carnal, indeed, must be the individual that cannot find here much to inspire and admire.

—Ramona.

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Joachim. At present Prof. Seiling is a member of the faculty of the University of Southern California, also having a studio at 348 Blanchard Hall building, Los Angeles. The professor will give instruction on the violin at his home to those desiring his services, where he is prepared to give standard instruction to violin players who wish to learn artistic playing; and will also accept engagements for musical soirées. Prof. Seiling lives on Carlton terrace between Auburn avenue and Lima street.

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Miss Fannie Hawks is recovering from a recent illness.

The indications are that we will be favored with beautiful weather Easter Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Hill and family have moved into their home on Hermosa avenue.

Miss Anna Freund is spending a couple of weeks in Los Angeles, prior to returning to her home in Iowa.

Dr. Newbury was called to Pasadena last Sunday, where he was instrumental in delivering a seventeen-pound infant.

Dr. Mackerras will give a demonstration before the eighth grade class of the public school in the near future.

Mrs. Harriett Spencer, of Los Angeles, has taken a cottage on Mariposa next to Mr. H. Ivor Thomas, from the first of April.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the First Congregational church will hold their business meeting in the church annex next Tuesday afternoon at 3 p. m.

C. B. Thomas, deputy county assessor, is spending the week in Sierra Madre and is given the glad hand by our citizens. Everyone is glad to see him.

Capt. Osgood recently gave a talk to the seventh and eighth grade classes of the public school on the Battle of Gettysburg, and sang several war songs.

Misses Mazie Aymes and Agnes Browne ran up from the city and took possession of Dr. Miller La Duc's tent house Friday and Saturday, to enjoy the beauties of Sierra Madre.

Membership dues in the Board of Trade are payable to the secretary, J. C. Pegler, at his office on Baldwin avenue. The dues are \$1.50 per quarter or \$5.00 per annum if paid in advance.

R. A. Fowler entertained at his country place, "Casa de Campo", Saturday and Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Jobson, Misses Alice and Ada Jobson, Florence Chase, Mr. John F. Reynolds, of Los Angeles.

On Easter Sunday services appropriate to the day, with special music, will be held in the Congregational church. In the evening there will be a musical program, and an object lesson sermon to the young people.

The public school will close for the spring vacation on Friday; the 5th, according to present plans, and during the week arrangements will be made to move into the fine new school building, which it is hoped will be ready for occupancy by that time.

We wonder if how many of our good people have taken time to look at our beautiful sunsets of late (since the rain). The brilliancy of the setting sun reflects on the eastern hills in Alsatian blue and purple tints, alternating with warmer tints in rose and amber—colors to delight an artist.

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Palm Sunday was observed in the Congregational church, the pastor preaching in the morning from John 12:27. For this cause came I unto this hour." The hour of the Savior's death being shown to be the supreme hour to which all other hours led up. In the hour of agony the purpose of life was clearly discerned. Subject of the evening's discourse was, "The right and wrong ways of keeping Lent."

Prof. and Mrs. W. W. Coates have had as guests for some days W. B. Covers, wife and son, of Vassar, Mich., who were on their way to Oregon, where they expected to make their future home. However, they are much pleased with Southern California, and will investigate this section more fully before going farther, and may decide to locate here. Mrs. Covers is Mrs. Coates' sister.

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California has many laws, some good, some bad and some indifferent; but there is yet one lacking—a law authorizing the publication of the session laws of the legislature in every newspaper in the state. In this way and in this way only can the masses of the people of the state become familiar with the laws enacted for their government, and the people have a right to this information. Minnesota, Wisconsin and many other states have adopted such statutes, the state appropriating a sum sufficient to defray the cost of publishing. The laws are printed in supplement form, thus rendering them easy of preservation. The newspapers of California should see to the enactment of such a law by the next legislature.

Gov. Gillette displayed wisdom in refusing to approve the bill appropriating a million dollars for the San Francisco world's fair in 1913. The governor deems such action at this time premature. If some of the San Francisco boodlers can be made to disgorge perhaps a sufficient sum could be raised in this way to run a few expositions.

If the exposures of bribery and corruption in San Francisco continue at the present rate the notorious Tweed ring operations in New York will dwindle in comparison. And these exposures lead us to suggest that official probing in other quarters might bring good results. We trust this

municipal leprosy will be stamped out, root and branch.

If Ruef were convicted on all counts in the indictment against him he would be entitled to remain a guest of the state for about 900 years. The people would no doubt gladly pay for the entertainment.

We noticed compliments in several of our exchanges of a nearby weekly newspaper because it had discarded its "patent inside" and was now doing all its work "at home." But we noticed this same paper tried the expensive "home print" for one week only, and then resorted to the use of "boiler plate." Now what really is the difference between a patent inside and boiler plate?—Monrovia Messenger.

Yes, "home print" is expensive; but there's nothing too good for Sierra Madre. The News uses neither "patent insides" nor "boiler plate," all type for our paper being set in our office, by skilled workmen.

The first issue of the Rialto Weekly Dispatch has just come to our editorial table, with R. T. Cowles as editor. It is a four column, six page paper, and starts out with a good patronage of advertising, and is typographically attractive. Mr. Cowles was the former editor of the News, and among other things has the following to say to readers of the Dispatch:

"We come prepared to stand for right and against wrong, and to say at all times what we believe to be right on any matters that may be in the public mind. We want it thoroughly understood that we will be ready to handle, without gloves, any questions that may come up for consideration in the progress of our work here, and to write with a pen that has no strings upon it. What we say and do at all times will be in the interests of the community at large, and never at the dictates of any individual interest of the town to the detriment of another. We might say in passing, that if anyone is in doubt about what the editorial policy of this paper will be, they can probably be enlightened by any citizen of Sierra Madre, which is not far away, where we had the pleasure of wielding the editorial pen with pronounced effect, in the months past."

We wish the Dispatch success.

Almon G. Merwin, the oldest school teacher in New York City in point of service, will retire from active work with this year's close of school and will take his first vacation as a teacher in sixty-two years. He began teaching when he was 16 years of age.

OFFER EXTENDED.

News Prize Essay Contest Will Remain Open Until April 15.

Owing to the fact that the prize essay contest for children of fourteen and under has not been extensively advertised, and but few replies received, the time for filing papers will be extended from April 1, to April 15.

The prizes are for the three best papers on "Sierra Madre as a Home City," \$3 for the first, \$2 for the second and \$1 for the third best. Let all the children enter this contest. Don't be afraid.

Send your stories to the Sierra Madre News office not later than April 15.

OUR EXCHANGES SAY.

Sierra Madre is taking on new life and is pressing forward at a very good speed. The town was recently incorporated and an active set of city officials elected, with Walter Haas, Monrovia's popular city attorney, as its legal advisor, and J. H. McClymonds, Jr., of this place, as city engineer. She has also organized a board of trade composed of her most active citizens, who are planning a campaign for the betterment of the town. With a city government, a good board of trade, a live newspaper, and her well-known resources, Sierra Madre will march to the front as one of the best of the county.—Monrovia News.

Gardena Reporter: R. H. Hudson was down from Sierra Madre Saturday and made us a short call. Dick, you know, is the man who owns the Hudson River. If you happen around his way just drop in.

News Paragraphs.

Charles Edward Pearson, one of California's early pioneers, who came round the Horn in 1851, and was for years engaged in the hotel business, died Saturday.

With a view of erecting and conducting a Masonic Temple to be located in San Francisco at a cost of \$1,500,000, the Free Masons of the state filed articles of incorporation of the Masonic Temple Association of California, with a capital of the sum named, divided into shares of \$10 each.

The total appropriations made by the fifty-ninth congress were \$919,997,679, of which \$756,422,674 is for the annual expenditures for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1908. The revenue of the government for 1908 is estimated at \$850,000,000 which, deducting the estimated expenses, will leave a surplus of \$20,000,000.

After considering all the evidence submitted by both sides on the application of District Attorney Jerome for the appointment of a lunacy commission to examine into Harry Thaw's mental condition at the present time, Justice Fitzgerald granted the request of the state.

It is stated that Oliver Pagin, assistant attorney general of the United States, who assisted in the prosecution of the beef trust, is in Denver with a force of secret service men and detectives of the interior department to prosecute alleged land frauds.

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The Library is open five times each week, viz., on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday afternoons from 3 till 5, and Tuesday and Friday evenings from 7 till 9 o'clock.

CHURCH NOTICES.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH—
Rev. James M. Campbell, D. D., pastor.
Sunday School, 9:30 a. m.; morning service, 11 a. m.; Christian Endeavor, 6:45 p. m.; evening service, 7:30 p. m. Strangers are cordially welcomed.

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—Rev. Charles E. Bentham, rector.
Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.; morning prayer and sermon, 11 a. m.; evening service, 7:30 p. m.; celebration of Holy Communion, first Sunday in month, 11 a. m.; third Sunday in month, 7:30 p. m.; Saints' and Fast Days, 10 a. m.

TIME TABLES

Pacific Electric Railway

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6 10	6 15
8 10	7 05
11 15	9 15

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7:34 a.m. Overland
9:21 a.m. Local
4:58 p.m. Local

Tales of the Trail

By Henry W. Montee

A WASHINGTON dispatch states that one lone mule kicked up the present fuss between Honduras and Nicaragua. The cause of every war in the history of the world can be traced to a mule, or a set of mules, mostly two-legged ones.

THE human soul weighs an ounce. So say a couple of eastern scientists who have dared to prove what the few have always believed. They weighed a body just before and just after death: the difference was an ounce, or thereabouts. Certain hair-brained physicians in Los Angeles are pooh-poohing the idea, which was to be expected. A college education shows a man how little other people know. The college puts a stopper upon some people's growth. A University of Swift Kicks might not be out of place in America.

The jocoserious editor of the Monrovia News, after careful calculation, delivers this one: "The fellow who pays up his subscription to the home paper, and a year in advance, is a full one-ouncer. It is said that the scales are not sensitive enough to weigh the soul of a delinquent."

The editor of the Pasadena News jurs his civilized readers with this one: "Of all fool ideas which have demanded public attention since prehistoric man ceased to gnaw the bark of trees and chase his breakfast on all fours with a rock hatchet tied onto a piece of bamboo, the soul-weighting fad takes the cake in an easy canter."

Now harken to the dire explosive of the man behind the Norwalk Call: "Scientists, so called, are ever trying to find some theory by which they hope to supercede the Bible story of creation, revelation and redemption, but thus far they have signally failed, and failure stands out as prominently after them as ever it did before."

The Gardena Reporter man bangs away at all of us. Says he: "The soul has been so starved during all ages that it is no wonder it is a runt. Now if the possessors will get next to themselves and furnish proper nourishment, the evolution may, in time, be

great enough to make the soul weigh an ounce and a half—maybe two ounces." Mr. Reporter Man, your soul already weighs two ounces!

Various other comments and opinions might be given, but let us hasten to the point.

Whether the human soul weighs an ounce or a ton has little or no significance here. But the fact that men, in this progressive age, dare come before the public as writers, speakers or "moulders of public opinion," and be unwilling to accept a new idea now then, is a deplorable state of affairs. The most brilliant minds have ever conceded that men have souls, yet thousands today stand ready to deny that these same souls have weight. The public mind is educated quickly by events—slowly by arguments. We have been forced to accept the idea that thoughts are things, and we know that waves of sound and light have brought about the telephone and wireless telegraph, yet now, as ever, a host of "moulders of public opinion" thoughtlessly reject so simple a thing as the weight of the human soul.

Whether or not people believe the Truth does not change the Eternal Principle. Truth stands the same yesterday, today and forever. The law of gravity held the same influence over matter before Isaac Newton pronounced it a law as it does today. The world swung through space just the same before Galileo asserted the fact as it does today. Electricity was just as willing to move mighty machinery before Thomas Edison gave it the opportunity as it is today. And Edison the genius, Edison one of the greatest of Americans, Edison whose name stands for progress and evolution, humbly bows his head and says, "I don't know," when the suggestion is made that electricity might be spirit forces at work.

The things we believe are the things we do not know and the things we know are the things we have proven to ourselves to be true.

The Omnipotent Word is ONWARD, and the hand on the great clock of time points to but one word—NOW!

Proposals for Street Lighting.

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Sierra Madre, Los Angeles County, Cal., at the office of the City Clerk, Central avenue and Lima street, in said city, until 5 o'clock p. m., on the 11th day of April, A. D. 1907, for the installation, furnishing and maintenance of fifty (50) sixteen-candle power incandescent electric lights for lighting the streets of said city, for a term of three years from and after the first day of May, 1907. Said lights to be maintained and lighted on an all-night, every night basis, at such places as are designated in schedule on file in the office of the city clerk of said city.

Sierra Madre, Cal., March 28, 1907.

J. J. GRAHAM,
City Clerk.

In a recent number of a German magazine a writer offers a variant of the tale lately published in a book of children's true sayings, which relates how two small girls tried to sit on one stool, and one of them remarked: "If one of us was to get off this stool, there would be more room for me." The Teutonic version tells how a German sat by the bedside of his dying wife and murmured piously: "If it pleases the good God to take one of us, I shall go to Berlin."

The Standard Oil company has advanced the price of all grades of gasoline naphtha and refined oil in barrels a quarter cent per gallon.

It is alleged that an English gentleman once told of a great joke he played on a friend. He was coming along the street with some companions and he discovered his friend's house on fire, and his friend in the third story window shouting for help. "Jump!" he cried. "Jump! We'll 'old a blanket for you." "What was the joke?" the hearer asked. "Why," the Englishman replied, "we 'ad no blanket at all."

Speaker Cannon and his congressional party were sorely displeased at being held in quarantine at Colon on their visit to Panama. But why should not they obey the law in this important regard as well as any other common people?

The New York committee for the relief of sufferers by the California earthquake disaster has just made its final report to Mayor McClellan. The total amount secured by the committee was \$501,979, the account having been closed on January 7, by the transfer to the American National Red Cross Society, of the balance on hand, \$22,724. All moneys collected were transmitted without reduction, the committee's expenses being met in full by its members.

Secretary Taft and his party left Washington for Charleston, S. C., where they will board the yacht Mayflower and proceed to the Isthmus of Panama, Cuba and Porto Rico.

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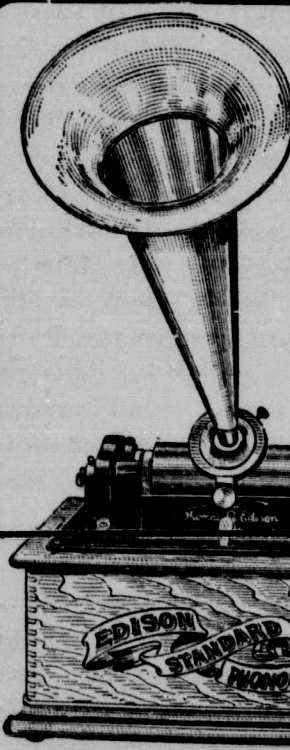
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	Inches	
November, 1906.....	1.34	
December, 1906.....	11.82	
January, 1907.....	15.47	
February, 1907.....	3.92	
March 4.....	1.26	
" 5.....	1.91	
" 6.....	.15	
" 8.....	.07	
" 10.....	.04	
" 19.....	.12	
" 20.....	1.33	
" 23.....	.20	
" 24.....	.65	
" 25.....	.81	
" 26.....	.10	5.19
Total.....	39.19	

Y. P. S. C. E. Entertainment.

"A Six Nights' Lyceum in One," the entertainment given under the auspices of the Y. P. S. C. E. of the Congregational church last Friday evening was well attended. The entertainment was pleasing throughout and a little out of the ordinary in style, being, as the name implies, devoted to six different subjects or evenings.

Capt. Osgood gave a short talk, more especially for the young people, of his experiences just before and after his enlistment as a private in the Civil War, and closed his remarks by singing the Star Spangled Banner, in which the audience joined.

E. W. Camp read a paper on Phrenology and discussed all sorts of characters from Jews to the Irish and Swedes, but as he remarked, and gave a pleasing and appropriate little illustration, his talk was just a trifle twisted.

The evening devoted to readings and recitations was well represented by Miss Etta Dickson and others. And

the evening assigned to music was one of the pleasing features of the entertainment, being taken up by piano solos, duets and quartets.

This is the first entertainment given by the Socieay and it is hoped they may feel encouraged by the success of this one and arrange for others.

MAINTAIN STREET LIGHTS

(Continued from First Page.)

physician and one, if practicable, a civil engineer. The board shall supervise all matters pertaining to the sanitary condition of the city and make such rules and regulations as it may deem proper.

The dog tax ordinance establishes a tax of \$1 a year on male and \$2 a year for female dogs; provides for the appointment of a dog catcher and the necessary regulations for enforcing the terms of the ordinance.

An ordinance establishing a public pound declares the running at large of domestic animals to be a nuisance; regulates the staking out of such animals upon uninclosed lots; provides for the appointment of a pound keeper and prescribes his duties, and provides that any person may take up and impound any animal trespassing upon their property.

Ordinance No. 4, the so called "tent house" ordinance, was passed by the board last night, with an amendment extending the prescribed limits, as was also Ordinance No. 3, fixing salaries and bonds of city officials.

The city clerk was instructed to advertise for bids for a street lighting plant for two weeks in the Sierra Madre News, the proposed plant to consist of fifty 16-candle power incandescent electric lights, with an all-night service every night in the year.

The committee on city hall reported in favor of accepting the room in the Kersting block next east of the bank, which could be secured at \$25 per month, including water. The Bishop building at Central and Lima could be secured for \$20 per month, but the other location was deemed better. The report was accepted, and an ordinance will be introduced to effect the change.

Two deeds were tendered the city to lots to be devoted to street purposes; lots A and B, Long Beach tract No. 2, from W. B. Jordan and wife; and also a deed to lot 4, Sierra Madre Park tract. These were referred to committee.

A plat of the Lewis tract was presented for approval, and referred to the committee on streets. The plat shows several jogs in the streets, and will probably have to be amended before it is accepted.

The matter of unloading freight at the passenger depot was under discussion, and the Pacific Electric company will no doubt be requested to select some other point for a freight shed, so as to do away with the unsightly piles of freight at this point.

Plant Forecasts Storms.

There has been found recently in Cuba, according to the National Magazine of Cuba, a strange plant which has extraordinary powers in forecasting not only atmospheric but seismic disturbances. When these are to occur twigs and leaves perform peculiar movements, each having its definite significance. By observing them weather forecasts can be made from two to seven days ahead, and earthquake forecasts as much as twenty-six days in advance over an area of 300 square miles. Volcanic eruptions and accumulations of fire damp in mines can also be predicted.

"Archie is fairly going crazy over his new automobile." "That's strange. Every time I've seen him he has been going crazy under it."—Chicago Tribune.

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Revised Game Laws.

The last legislature made several changes in the game laws of the state, extending the open season for ducks two weeks, and reducing the bag limit from 50 to 35 birds in one day. Following are the dates of the open season:

Ducks, October 1 to February 15; quail, October 15 to February 15; doves, July 15 to October 15; deer, August 15 to October 15; snipe, October 15 to April 1.

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California Oranges Lead the World Over.

How California has taken the lead as the orange-producing state of the world is best told in the brief but wonderfully expressive statement of the carload shipments of the fruit. Ten years ago California was shipping 7000 carloads a year. That figure has risen to thirty-two thousand cars annually from there at present. Producers profit about \$20,000,000 on the crop now, and as much more goes to laborers and the railroads. Altogether it is quite a snug sum to be produced in a comparatively small area in one state from a crop that is almost a certain success every season and for which there is an unfailingly hungry market. The California orange is well thought of in Great Britain as well as all over this country, and only its cost prevents it absolutely superseding the small and inferior orange of the Mediterranean consumed by the English. Aside from the Florida orange and the most excellent variety raised at Jaffa in Palestine—and neither of these count largely in the markets now on account of their scarcity—the California orange has the field. Indeed, Florida growers are finding the grapefruit more profitable, and as the orange groves are gradually given up to its cultivation, the demand for California fruit will be increased, and that state will have to develop more of its fertile lands.—N. Y. Commercial.

CALIFORNIA'S POPULATION

More Than Half Near Two Largest Cities.

From a recent statement issued by the California Promotion Society we quote the following:

"A remarkable condition as regards population is shown by statistics gathered by the California Promotion Committee within fifty mile radius of the two largest cities of the state, as compared with the balance of the state. In securing the data the committee has used the figures of city clerks, postmasters, commercial organizations and county assessors. According to the best estimate California had, on January 1, 1907, a population of 2,217,897. Of this, 1,217,064 reside within fifty miles of San Francisco and Los Angeles.

"Within fifty miles of San Francisco is a population of 875,687 and within the same radius of Los Angeles is a population of 341,377. These figures show that for all the interior towns and cities and on all the farms of the great state there are 1,000,833 people.

Plainness of speech is never to be despised in connection with work of reclamation. "Did you struggle against the consequences of temptation?" inquired a prison visitor. "Yes'm" replied the object of her compassion. "Ah, if you had fought just a little harder you wouldn't be here today." "I done th' best I could ma'am," said the prisoner, modestly; "it took six policemen to get me to the station."

Giles—Uncle Sam ought to send a lot of our servant girls to China. Miles—What for? Giles—To smash it.—Chicago News.

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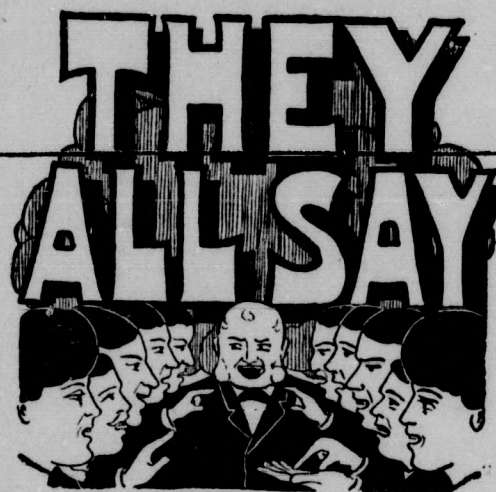
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G. A. R. ENCAMPMENT.

Grand Commander Brown and Gov. Gillett to be Guests.

W. J. Waters of San Miguel Island is slated by the Grand Army men for commander of the department of California and Nevada during the coming year, says the Los Angeles Times. Mr. Waters, who has owned San Miguel for several years, is boomed for the place by both north and south, and it seems to be practically assured that he will be named at the annual encampment, which will be held in Santa Barbara, April 10, 11 and 12. San Miguel has a romantic interest for the veterans, who will probably go across the channel to spend a day on the island, which is roamed by countless sheep and a few herders only, but which is famous in West Coast romance and literature. Aside from the traditions which cluster about the island it has a particular interest for Southern Californians at present when the Creede millions, the chief part of which were willed to Dorothy Creede, are soon to be brought into litigation again. Dorothy Creede was the little daughter of Edith Waters, the adopted daughter of W. G. Waters, and her strange history dates from the time when she was taken as a babe to San Miguel by her foster parents to be reared as the only white child there.

Dr. George C. Somers, of Los Angeles, has been urged strongly by many friends in the southern posts to run for vice-commandership, but this he has firmly refused to do on the ground that he cannot devote sufficient time to departmental duties. The office of the commander falls by courtesy to the south this year. Commander Alberger of Oakland will preside during the three-day encampment sessions, and headquarters will be maintained at Hotel Arlington.

The Women's Relief Corps will hold its convention simultaneously, and there promises to be competition for highest honors in the auxiliary. Mrs. Carrie W. Dibble, wife of San Francisco's well-known jurist, is a strong candidate, and Mrs. Alice Younts of Santa Ana also has a large following. There are rumors that Southern California will once more make a fight for the office of National President of the W. R. C. at the national convention, but the rumors have not given united support to any woman to date.

Members of the Starr King Post, G. A. R., and citizens of Santa Barbara, have completed plans for the grand army encampment. Governor Gillett and Grand Commander Brown of Ohio and his staff are expected to be guests at the encampment. The Pacific squadron will be in these waters at the time, and its men will participate in the grand parade.

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Housemaid—I'm goin' to leave you, mum. I'm goin' to work for Mrs. Monk, an' would you give me a good reference, mum? Mistress—To work for Mrs. Monk. Certainly; I'll give you a glowing reference. I hate that woman.—Scissors.